

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Los Angeles City College (LACC) upon its eighty-fifth anniversary.

LACC's site is one of the most significant locations in Los Angeles' education history, as it was not just the first community college in Los Angeles, but also served as the initial campus for both the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and Cal State University Los Angeles. Its storied history began with the Normal School in Los Angeles, which provided graduates with credentials to teach kindergarten through twelfth grade. In 1919, to address the city's request for a local university, the Normal School transitioned into serving as the southern branch of the University of California Berkeley (UC Berkeley) for classes only; and in 1925, UC Berkeley permitted the southern branch, now UCLA, to award degrees.

In 1929, after UCLA purchased their own land and moved west, the Los Angeles Board of Education bought the campus and turned it into the Los Angeles Junior College, now called Los Angeles City College. On September 4, 1929, LACC welcomed 1,350 students to its first fall semester, at the time the fourth largest academic institution in the country. Under new president Dr. William Henry Snyder, LACC's mission was twofold: to provide two years of transfer education, and to provide career training with general education via vocational programs such as civil engineering, mechanical and electrical engineering, civic health, aeronautical engineering, secretarial science, social arts, and general business.

The Depression era saw enrollment grow in 1933 from over 4,000 students to nearly 7,000 students in 1940. Enrollment dropped significantly during World War II, and during this time, the college assisted the war effort by conducting courses for the Aviation Ground School, Civilian Pilot Training Program, the Army Specialized Training, and the Naval Reserve. After the war's end, many students attended LACC under the G.I. Bill, when enrollment went from 3,000 to 8,000 and half of the students were veterans. In 1947, an experimental four-year school was formed on the campus, called the Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Science, which while an admirable idea, proved to be impractical; so in 1955, the four-year school moved east to become California State University Los Angeles. During the 1950's, LACC received its first accreditation as a junior college, classes covering remedial instruction and new occupational programs including computer technology, human services, dental assisting, and nuclear medicine technology were offered, and an American Cultures Department was formed.

The 1960's saw increased diversity among the student body, and new programs such as community service and non-credited classes in recreational areas, and the 1970's brought its first woman president, Dr. Stelle Feuers and an enrollment of 22,000 students. Today, some of LACC's programs and developments include the addition of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Academy, a Guardian Scholars Program (GSP) for current and former foster youth, and the LACC Alumni Association Foundation which includes a database of over 500,000 alumni. Famous LACC alumni include composer John Williams, musicians Leonard Slatkin, Les McCann, and Odette, actors Donna Reed, Morgan Freeman, Clint Eastwood, Esther Williams and Robert Vaughn, and producer Gene Roddenberry, creator of Star Trek. The college is currently thriving under the guidance of President Renee D. Martinez.

I ask all Members to join with me in commending Los Angeles City College for eighty-five years of educating the greater Los Angeles community.

IN RECOGNITION OF BILL EVANS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SKYTOWER COMMUNICATIONS

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bill Evans. Considered to have pioneered FM radio in Hardin County, Bill is set to retire as Owner and President of Skytower Communications.

Bill previously served as president of the Kentucky Broadcasters Association, even receiving the Kentucky Mic Award. He was also active with the National Association of Broadcasters, serving as a board member for the Kentucky and West Virginia region. Bill also served as President of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce, in addition to receiving the Big E award and being named the Small Business Person of the Year.

Anyone who knows Bill knows that he's only one-half of a team. That other half is his wife, Marilyn. Together, they have served as chair of the United Way Committee and are very active at Severns Valley Baptist Church, where Bill has served three terms as a deacon and is currently chairman of the deacons. Marilyn has also been instrumental with her work on the Hardin County Fair Board and in leading the creation of a free children's fair for the community. Marilyn has also served as President of the Junior Women's Club. A real fixture in the community, Bill and Marilyn make quite the team.

I wish Bill well in his retirement, but know he will continue to be a driving force in Hardin County.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SENATOR JESUS (JESS) Q. TORRES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend Jesus "Jess" Q. Torres. Mr. Torres served as a Senator in the 16th Guam Legislature. Senator Torres passed away on November 10, 2014 at the age of 72.

Senator Torres was born on August 14, 1942 to Jose Pangelinan and Felecita Quinene Torres. He graduated from George Washington High School. He attended the University of Nebraska, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science.

Mr. Torres served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 and was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. After his time in the Army, Jess became a staff assistant to the late Governor Carlos G. Camacho. Jess went on to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Land Management and then as the Administrative Director of the 15th Guam Legislature.

Jess was then elected to the 16th Guam Legislature where he served from 1981 to 1982. After his time at the Guam Legislature, he was appointed by Governor Joseph Ada to be the Executive Manager of the Guam International Airport Authority from January 1987 to January 1995. During his term, he oversaw the construction of the current terminal at the GIAA, which was designated as the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority, in honor of Guam's first Delegate to Congress.

In 2003, Jess was chosen by Governor Felix Camacho to serve on the GIAA's Board of Directors and he chaired the Committee on Personnel. In 2004, he was appointed to a second term as GIAA's Executive Manager. During this term, Jess is credited for turning around five consecutive years of losses and reducing the expenditures of the GIAA. He was also recognized for his efficiency and management skills that led to vast improvements at the Airport Authority.

Mr. Torres has also served on the Board of Directors of the Guam Economic Development Authority. He played an active role in politics on Guam and served as the Chairman of the Republican Party of Guam, where he was instrumental in the party's success and maintaining party unity.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Senator Jess Torres, and I join the people of Guam in celebrating his life and recognizing his dedicated service to Guam. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, loved ones and friends. He will be missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

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